

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual that uses a network system in which a plurality of hospital terminals, a plurality of user terminals, and a database terminal for managing a database of information concerning medical treatment of an individual are mutually connected via a communication network, wherein

 a hospital acquires a hospital ID and a hospital password,

 a user who is a patient, ~~or a guardian or caregiver of a juvenile or handicapped person~~ acquires a user ID, a user password, a second password, and space for storing information concerning medical treatment of an individual in a database,

 the hospital receives a notification of the user ID and the second password from the user, and

 the hospital acquires individual medical treatment information from the database using the user ID, the second password, the hospital ID, and the hospital password as keys, and stores updated individual medical treatment information in the database using the user ID, the second password, the hospital ID, and the hospital password as keys.

3. (Original) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, wherein the user views individual medical treatment information on the database using the user ID and the user password as keys.

4. (Original) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, wherein a charge is levied on the hospital when the hospital acquires individual medical treatment information from the database.

5. (Original) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, wherein a charge is levied on the hospital when the hospital saves updated individual medical treatment information in the database.

6. (Original) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 3, wherein a charge is levied on the user when the user views individual medical treatment information.

7. (Original) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, wherein the user password is altered using the user ID and the user password as keys.

8. (Original) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, wherein the second password is altered using the user ID and the user password as keys.

9. (Original) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, wherein, if updated individual medical treatment information is not saved in the database within a predetermined time after the hospital has acquired the individual medical treatment information from the database, notification is sent to the hospital requesting updated individual medical treatment information.

10. (Original) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, wherein notification of the updating of the individual medical treatment information is sent to the user when updated individual medical treatment information is saved in the database.

11. (Original) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, wherein the user specifies a hospital and restricts access by the specified hospital to the space where the individual medical

treatment information of the user is stored using the user ID and the user password as keys.

12. (Original) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, wherein, a cooperating company terminal that is used by a cooperating company that is in cooperation with whoever is managing the database is incorporated into the network system and, using this network system, the cooperating company acquires a cooperating company ID and cooperating company password and, after the user has given permission for the individual medical treatment information to be made available to the cooperating company using the user ID and user password as keys, the cooperating company acquires the individual medical treatment information of the user from the database using the cooperating company ID and cooperating company password as keys.

13. (Original) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 12, wherein a charge is levied on the cooperating company when the cooperating company acquires individual medical treatment information from the database.

14. (Original) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, wherein treatment costs are include in the individual medical treatment information.

15. (Original) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 14, wherein the user is issued with a treatment cost report calculated from the treatment costs on the database using the user ID and user password as keys.

16. (Original) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, wherein the database terminal receives a request sent from the hospital terminal or from the cooperating company terminal for the

individual medical treatment information of the user to be made available and transfers the request to the user terminal of the user, and also receives an approval from the user terminal regarding the request for the individual medical treatment information to be made available.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium encoded with:
 - a database containing information concerning medical treatment of an individual;
 - a computer program for sending a user password and a second password to a user terminal;
 - a computer program that requests the second password when a person other than the user accesses the space where the individual medical treatment information is stored; and
 - a computer program for providing information about the second password from the user to the person,
wherein the user is a patient, ~~or a guardian or caregiver of a juvenile or handicapped person.~~

18. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to claim 17, further encoded with a computer program for requesting the user password when the second password is altered.

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